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Dear Members of the Board:

It has been a great privilege to serve with you on the Destination Medical Center Corporation Board. Today, I submitted my resignation from the board to Governor Dayton. My understanding is that R.T. Rybak, in his capacity as Vice Chair, will serve as Interim Chair until a new Chair can be elected.

I am proud of the work that we accomplished together, and am confident that under your leadership DMC can continue to move ahead. During the past four years, we have made significant progress – with \$297 million in private investment, and 19 projects either proposed, under construction, or completed. We have seen more than 1,000 construction jobs created. This fall, we broke ground on Discovery Square, which will be a hub for the next generation of Minnesota medical technology startups and entrepreneurs.

These accomplishments are a testament to the leadership of this board and the hard work and ingenuity of the people of Rochester who made this city a global health care destination.

As Rochester becomes "America's City for Health," we also must ensure it remains one of the most livable cities in America. We have more work to do to provide all Rochester area residents with quality, affordable housing and transportation choices.

As a member of the United States Senate, I look forward to working with you to advance the mission of the Destination Medical Center initiative: 21st Century jobs, new economic opportunities, and world-class quality-of-life for the people of Rochester and southeast Minnesota.

